## THAW AND MOTHER REPORTED ESTRANGED

Latter Denies, However, That Cessation of Visits to Matteawan Is Due to Break.

EVELYN NESBIT IN COURT

Defendant in Suit for \$2,041 Says Her Present Income Is on an Average \$6,000 a Year.

Mrs. William Thaw has ceased her the Matteawan State Hospital, and which Thaw denies-that his mother and he are estranged.

Only once since the White Plains hearing has Mrs. Thaw called at Matteawan to see her son, by whom she stood so bravely during his two trials and in the subsequent proceedings looking toward his release. Now in her seventy-first year, she fought long and hard for the freedom of "her boy," as she affectionately termed him. Her last visit, however, was a short one, as if she called to have some papers signed or an understanding reached.

It will be recalled at the last White Plains proceedings, in which Thaw sought his freedom, it was brought out by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw that Harry stick to mother, as she had all the soney and was easy"; also that "Mrs. Thaw was crazier than Harry, and cater to her." In hearing this testimony an air of indignation passed over It seemed to change her whole attitude.

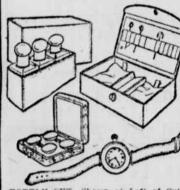
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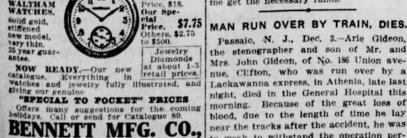
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#### THE COCAINE TRAFFIC.

The messenger in the small drug store.



Hospital and made daily calls upon her son. The hours were from 2 to 5 Hospital and made daily calls upon o'clock and Mrs. Thaw never arrived had written his wife they had "better late or left ahead of time. A liveryman had a daily standing order to call for Mrs. Thaw, no matter what the weather. She carried on each trip a basket of carefully prepared food. which had been made ready by a cook the stern countenance of the mother. in her employ. Now she has given up her rooms in the Lynch home at Fishkill Landing and discharged the cook. Thaw has had to partake of the fare

> at the hospital. Thaw's legal battle seems to be marking time. Now and then County Judge A. H. F. Seeger, of Orange County, visits Thaw, and, it is reported, has been engaged as his chief counsel for the next legal move.

A story told by a hospital official shows that Thaw is still hopeful of liberty. A suggestion was made to Thaw that he try to escape, and he was informed that a high-powered automobile would be in waiting at the gate to whisk him into Connecticut and thence to Boston, where he could take ship for Europe. Thaw spurned the offer, declaring that when he got his freedom it would be by due process of law and that he would not be declared an insane fugitive from justice.

#### Mrs. Thaw Defends Sait.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was the principal attraction in the City Court yesterday in an action brought against her by Gorham & Co. to recover \$2,041 which the plaintiffs alleged was due for goods sold and delivered in 1905. She denied that she told the manager of the firm to charge the amount to her

In answer to questions about her husband's income at that time, Mrs. Thaw said Harry had from \$60,000 to \$80,000. After her husband was convicted she said her income was fixed at \$1,000 a month, but she asserted the Thaws skipped payments so often that she got on an average only \$6,000 a

Counsel for the plaintiff firm asked her what her family consisted of. "Just myself and Mr. Thaw," she

"Any children?" "Certainly not," she replied.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Pittsburgh, Dec. 8.-Mrs. William Thaw indignantly refused to-night to discuss the reason for the cessation of her visits to Matteawan to see her son, Harry K. Thaw. The report that there had been estrangement between them aroused special anger. When she was asked if this were true she replied, "There is no answer to such foolishness as that," and refused to talk

STOVER ANGERED BY CRITICS

Says Drive Paving Is Delayed Because He Can't Get the Money.

Park Commissioner Stover was much put out yesterday when he read reports that at a meeting on Monday night he had been criticised by members of the West End Association for the delay in repaving Riverside Drive from 72d street to 129th

"If the reports are true that such criticism was levelled at me," said the Park Commissioner, "then I say that such criticism was highly unreasonable and un-

Mr. Stover said he had explained in frequent letters, the latest one on November 21, and by a speech to the association how he had made appeals ever since he became Park Commissioner for funds to lay a permanent pavement on the drive. To have an attack made on him after explanations that he was unable to get the funds from the Board of Estimate was ab-

solutely unfair. "I have not received \$1 from the Board of Estimate for the rebuilding of the drive," said the Commissioner. repayed it over and over again out of park maintenance funds and with park labor. I asked the West End Association to help me get the necessary funds."

MAN RUN OVER BY TRAIN, DIES. Passaic, N. J., Dec. 3.-Arie Gideon. the stenographer and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gideon, of No. 186 Union avenue, Clifton, who was run over by a Lackawanna express, in Athenia, late last night, died in the General Hospital this morning. Because of the great loss of blood, due to the length of time he lay

to weak to withstand the operation per-

Continued from first page.

place in Wallabout street had been under suspicion. In his testimony vesterday Nemerick confirmed the fact that The Tribune has brought out in its exposure-that it is a comparatively easy matter to get the evidence against cocaine sellers-when he told how he had taken a short time to get acquainted with the drug users in her to buy it from Mrs. Fisher with their

introduction. District Attorney Cropsey began his Commissioner interesting Deputy Walsh in the matter. They intend to til they clean up Brooklyn.

We have already received reports from wholesale houses that the sale of the drug has been greatly reduced," certain that our fifty-eight convictions have stirred up the traffickers in coit up as a bad job to tackle in Brook-

#### Urges More Drastic Penalty.

suits may easily be obttained under the present law if the police actually do the work they are supposed to do.

"I believe that an amendment maka physician's prescription, a felony in itself, without insisting that the prosecution prove the possessor intended to sell it, would be a good addition to the law, and I believe the punishment should be increased from the present limit of one year's imprisonment to something like five years," he said.

Mr. Cropsey thought that prison sentences of some length were probably of more use in curing the victims of the cocaine habit than any other possible remedy.

In this connection the fact stands out that one of the chief things prison keepers have to contend with in caring for their prisoners is to keep them from obtaining cocaine. So prevalent is this habit among criminals that cocaine has even been sent blindly into Sing Sing prison by outsiders without any knowledge that it would reach their own friends within.

Warden Kennedy, of Sing Sing, told a Tribune reporter recently that on one occasion he had bought a few camp chairs necessary for extra seats in the chapel, and though the transaction was handled entirely by the prison authorities, he thought of the possibility of cocaine smuggling, and had the chairs carefully examined on arrival,

He found each chair had had a small hole bored in the woodwork, which had been filled with cocaine, then carefully covered up and varnished over. Investigation as to the source of this prospective gift to the cocaine users in the prison had led nowhere, because the dealer who supplied the chairs could not find at what stage of their handling the drug had been hidden,

The warden said his guards had found cocaine hidden in the backs of hair brushes sent to convicts by friends outside. They had found it even on postcards, where it had been hidden in minute quantities under the stamp; in the middle of cigarettes sent in to convicts, and even in the hatbands of

visitors who came to see them. Practically the same conditions are true in the prisons on Blackwell's Island, and even in the Tombs, where

Taft Urges Congress to Act.

The world-wide peril in the growth of cocaine, opium and other drug habits, which was the reason for the calling of a special international conference on the subject at The Hague last summer, received prominent mention in President Taft's message to Congress yesterday. Bills are in prospect in the present Congress over which both State and Treasury departments have worked, and which will probably, among other things, put a check to in-

#### Another factor favoring the sellers of is a self-evident fact that the police are cocaine in this city came to light yester- getting something out of it." Professor Diekman attacked Mayor day, as The Tribune's exposition of the Gaynor's "outward respectability" views, and went on to say that the Board of Health carried on periodic campaigns

cuted for a felony under the law.

was not more strictly enforced.

direct action.

low, of this city. He said that since the

board could do now, he said, was to hear

cept with the authority of the Commis-

Authority Is Too Divided.

This weakness in the situation was em

finally came through the Legislature that

their effect was completely spoiled. It

was necessary, he pointed out, to have a

single authority charged with the en-

forcement of the cocaine law. He thought

the best authority for this purpose would

be the Board of Pharmacy, provided its

appointment should be taken out of the

hands of the Regents and given to the

Governor. The right to administer laws,

Mr. Kleinau held, should not be vested in the Regents, since they ought to be a

Dr. William C. Anderson, president of

the New York Pharmaceutical Confer-

ence, was also of the opinion that the

"It would pay the city to put special detectives on the trail of the 'coke' sell-

ers," he said, "and stamp out the track

by the most vigorous measures. The

Tribune could not be engaged in better

work than leading public opinion in a re-

The punishment of the trafficker in co

caine should be as drastic as that meted

out to the man who menaces society with

a revolver or a stiletto, according to Dr.

William H. Guilfoy, register of the De-

with short terms of imprisonment," said

Dr. Guilfoy, "they should receive the most

drastic punishment. In that way the

Dr. Guilfoy said he had never come

across a death certificate giving the habit-

ual use of cocaine as the cause of mor-

tality, but it was not infrequent to find

such with chronic morphinism as the

cause. He declared the cocaine fiend was

a much more modern problem than the

ages of the drug," Dr. Guidfoy said, "for from fifteen to thirty years, and some

"Cocaine flends can withstand the rav-

traffic could be effectually curtailed."

"Instead of letting such persons of

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prevalence of the traffic in the deadening drug began to sink into the minds of pubagainst cigarette smoking in the subway. lic spirited citizens. It was the division and appeared frightfully agitated when of responsibility for the enforcement of ever any one expectorated on the sidethe laws against the traffic now on the statute books of the state. doing much to stamp out this evil, which Caswell A. Mayo, editor of "The Ameriwas laying its heavy hand on the city's an Druggist" and vice-president of the

mits Vile Traffic to Flourish in

City, They Declare.

DRUGGISTS DENOUNCE

American Pharmaceutical Association, youth. Commissioner Lederle of the Health Decalled attention to this divided respon partment shifted the blame along to the sibility in the following words: police by saying that the state law had "The real difficulty in stamping out superseded the Health Department ordithe traffic, in my opinion, lies in the nance, and that it would be foolish to fact that there is divided responsibility prosecute a man for a misdemeanor under the ordinance when he could be prose-

for the enforcement of such legislation. The responsibility is divided between the State Department of Agriculture, the State Board of Health, the local Health Department, the State Board of Pharmacy and the police. "It is the duty of all these to enforce

the laws restricting the production and sale of cocaine. If the laws are not en forced each of these authorities naturally places the blame for the laxity on one of the others. I believe thoroughly in the concentration of responsibility, and think the enforcement of all legislation regarding the sale of drugs should be placed in the hands of the Board of Pharmacy, and that the board should be given ample means and provided with a sufficient number of inspectors to enforce the law in every respect. Without such means the board is helpless.

"There can be no question of the need of the most severe restriction of the sale of cocaine. The retail pharmacists were the first to realize the need of restriction on the sale of habit-forming drugs. I introduced a resolution at the St. Louis meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, in 1901, providing for the appointment of a committee to consider the question of the acquirement of drug habits and the best methods of legislative regulation of the danger.

#### Need Enforcement of Law.

"The committee appointed under this resolution submitted a comprehensive report the following year, and its sucdrafted a model anti-narcotic law, which has been enacted wholly or in part in about forty states. It is possibly true that these drugs do reach the public more or less indirectly through the drug trade, but the men who would be neighborhood and had then been able guilty of traffic in such drugs for illegitimate purposes have no standing in the trade and are condemned unqualifiedly by the trade at large. We have ample legislation to govern the sale of narcotic active pursuit of the cocaine sellers by drugs, but what is needed is enforcement

The last opinion was emphatically rekeep after these illegal merchants un- peated by Professor George C. Dickman, chairman of the violations committee of the Board of Pharmacy and director of the Columbia College of Pharmacy. Professor Diekman explained that since the amendment to the cocaine law in April, said Mr. Cropsey yesterday, "and it is 1910, the Board of Pharmacy had been powerless to control the drug traffic, and that the proper authorities to do so were caine so that many of them are giving either the City Board of Health or the

"The Board of Health has an ordinance to exactly the same effect as the state law," said the professor, "and they can The District Attorney of Kings do a whole lot if they want to get after County believes the law should be it. Formerly the execution of the cocaine law was under the Board of Pharmacy and when we held the power we cleaned the violators out. But now the board has

nothing to do with the matter. "We agreed to the amendment making the possession of the drug without a ing the possession of cocaine, without doctor's prescription a felony, because it seemed as if that was a more effective method of reaching the seller who tried to pass himself off as a user of the drug. Under that amendment the druggist is required to fill out a cocaine sale certificate, and if any one is caught with cocaine on his person without one of these certificates he is liable to \$500 fine or one

#### year's imprisonment, or both Hints at Cocaine Graft.

times longer. I have heard of cases where "There is no doubt in my mind that men got over the habit after becoming the police could enforce the present law with a great deal of case if they wanted slaves to it, but I have never heard of a woman fiend being able to stop it use to. The trouble is that they don't. Although there is no way of proving it, it once she became addicted to the drug."

man giving the name of Paul Wagner was picked up in a hallway in Stanton street by Patrolman Whitman, of the

street, when he saw Wagner crouch

ing in the hallway as if ill. He saw

him apparently trying to throw some-

thing into the street. The action made

Whitman suspicious, and on seizing

Wagner, who is forty years old, he

found three one-eighth ounce bottles of

The prisoner was booked under a charge of having cocaine in his possession. Whitman declared the man had thrown away part of the stuff while struggling about before his arrest.

and forced the cocaine into his pockets.

BECKER ANGERS SHERIFF

Didn't Offer to Hire Conveyance

to Prison, Harburger Declares.

Sheriff Harburger pronounced as "ar

unqualified lie" yesterday the assertion of

Lieutenant Charles Becker to Warden

Kennedy, of Sing Sing prison, that he had

volunteered to pay for the use of a car-

riage from the station at Ossining to the

prison for himself and the Sheriff's party

when the lieutenant was taken there.

Instead, Becker complained the Sheriff

The subject came up through a letter

which Colonel Joseph F. Scott, Superin-

tendent of Prisons, wrote to the Sheriff

in reply to the latter's request for a con-

Colonel Scott reminded the

made him walk the whole way.

cocaine in his coat pockets.

terstate shipments of these drugs, except for medicinal purposes. President Taft said on this subject: 5th street station. Whitman was walking along Stanton

Taft said on this subject:

In my message on foreign relations communicated to the two houses of Congress December 7, 1911, I called special attention to the assembling of the opium conference at The Hague, to the fact that that conference was to review all pertinent municipal laws relating to the opium and allied evils, and certainly all international rules regarding these evils, and to the fact that it seemed to me most essential that the Congress should take immediate action on the anti-narcotic legislation before the Congress, to which I had previously called attention by a special message.

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The international convention adopted by the conference conforms almost entirely to the principles contained in the proposed anti-narcotic legislation which has been before the last two Congresses. It was most unfortunate that this government, having taken the initiative in the international action which eventuated in the important international opium convention, falled to do its share in the great work by neglecting to pass the necessary legislation to correct the deplorable narcotic evil in the United States, as well as to redeem international pledges upon which it entered by virtue of the above mentioned convention.

The Congress at its present session should enact into law those bills now before it which have been so carefully drawn up in collaboration between the Department of State and the other executive departments, and which have behind them not only the moral sentiment of the country, but the practical support of all the legitimate trade interests likely to be affected. Since the international convention was signed adherence to it has been made by several European states not represented at the conference at The Hague, and also by seventeen Latin-American republics.

One Arrest in Manhattan. In the Essex Market court Chief Magistrate McAdoo held Wagner in \$2,000 bail in spite of the prisoner's claim that six men had held him up

#### One Arrest in Manhattan.

The Citizens Committee, which as an outgrowth of the Cooper Union mass meeting last August is making a thorough and constructive investigation of

### SEIZED AS THIEF, MAID COCAINE LAW LAXITY JUMPS FROM WINDOW

Divided Responsibility for Enforcement Per-Negro Girl Who Confessed Taking \$2,000 in Gems Near Death in Hospital.

#### BRUSHES PAST DETECTIVE

#### Had Returned Stolen Things to Mistress When Sleuth Appears-Has 25-Foot Drop Into Courtyard.

Rather than submit to arrest after she had confessed to robbing her mistress of more than \$2,000 worth of iewels, Sarah Clayborne, a negro maid employed by Mrs. Richard A. Jones, of No. 601 West 112th street, jumped from a window on the second floor of that address last night and landed in the cement courtyard, twenty-five feet below. Detective Thompson, of the Commissioner Waldo, whose department West 125th street police station, who received the whole weight of the respontried to prevent the maid from jumpsibility by this argument, appeared stunned by the burden. He made no ating, ran to the courtyard and picked tempt to shift it or explain why the law her up. He summoned an ambulance from the J. Hood Wright Hospital, The position of the State Board of Pharwhither the girl was taken in a serious macy in the matter was more clearly outlined by its president, Clarence O. Bigecondition.

Sarah, a buxom young woman, had been employed by Mrs. Jones, whose 1910 amendment the hands of the board were absolutely tied so far as any enhusband is a Wall Street broker, for several weeks. Her work had been forcement of the law went. All that the satisfactory until last Saturday.

complaints on violations of the pharmacy On that day Mr. and Mrs. Jones went law and, if there seemed to be sufficient out early in the afternoon, leaving evidence to indicate a violation, turn the Sarah in charge. When they returned matter over to the Attorney General for that night the girl was gone. Mrs. Jones retired to her bedroom to change The board has only three inspectors at her clothes. When she started to put work in this city and one more upstate, on some of her jewelry she couldn't he said. He asserted this force was utterly unable to cope with a situation like find it. A hurried search of her bureau the cocaine evil, and that even with more showed that her jewelry box, containinspectors the board could do nothing, exing diamond rings and other jewelry, sioner of Education, in whose department

Sure it Was "inside Job."

While Mrs. Jones was bewailing her loss her husband went to the West 125th street police station and informed the desk lieutenant of what had occurred. Detective Thompson was assigned to the case, and accompanied Mr. Jones back to his apartment. He son into the kitchen, and slammed the door behind her. The door had a snap lock and Thompson had to break it down before he could get in. Just as the door gave way beneath his weight and he tumbled into the room, Sarah leaped through the open window. When the detective reached the courtyard Sarah was unconscious. She had three broken ribs and internal injuries, and was removed to the hose pital, a prisoner. It was said she might die. phasized by George Kleinau, president of the German Apothecary Society, who declared that the whole system was a botch. Mr. Kleinau said he had been going up to Albany for fourteen years advocating laws which were so changed when they

made a close investigation of the rooms and found a window opening on fire escape drawn up. In spite of this Thompson felt sure the jewelry theft was an "inside job."

The detective then went away, but returned to the Jones apartment shortly before midnight on Saturday and waited for Sarah. She came in about 12:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, radiant with apologies for her tardiness in getting home. Thompson asked Sarah many questions, but she had an answer for every one. She gave the names and addresses of two families she had visited during her absence, and Thompson found she had spoken the truth about this. He, however, had a large bump of suspicion, and refused to believe all of the maid's

The detective spent a large part of yesterday about the apartment house working on the case. Late in the afternoon a honeyed voice called up the telephone operator and asked to speak to "Missy Sally Claybo'ne, suh." Thompson, who was near by, grabbed the receiver and listened to the conversation that followed.

The sleuth found that Moses Anderson, of No. 74 West 134th street. Sarah's sweetheart, was on the other end of the wire. The conversation between the maid and the sweet toned "Mose" convinced Thompson that his suspicions were correct.

#### Sarah Gives Back Jewelry.

He went back to the Jones apartment and told Sarah she was under arrest. The maid grumbled and said she had given Mrs. Jones back her property. Thompson asked Mrs. Jones about this and was told the jewelry had been required by Sarah, who said she had taken it and put it in her room.

Thompson went to Sarah and told her she was under arrest, charged with grand larceny.

"Whut's dat you say, grand larcinny?"

I told you I done return all that stuff, man—all the rings and such, but I don't know as I ever see such a thing as a grand larcinny."

Having delivered herself of this indignant outburst, Sarah went to her room to get her hat and coat. Thomp-son waited in the hall. Suddenly Sarah

dashed from her room, ran past Thomp-son into the kitchen, and slammed the

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